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**WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
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June 8 – 12, 2015)

UNITED NUCLEAR CORPORATION (UNC)/NORTHEAST CHURCH ROCK SITES, GALLUP, NM: On June 8 and 9, 2015, EPA Regions 6 and 9 conducted Community Interviews as part of preparing the Community Involvement Plan for the Region 9 Northeast Church Rock Mine site in Gallup, NM. EPA Region 6 UNC site has its own Community Involvement Plan, but we are working with EPA Region 9 for their Community Involvement Plan for the Northeast Church Rock Mine site. This on-site work included interviewing individuals from four Navajo Nation Chapterhouses. In addition, Region 6 met with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for a technical discussion on the UNC Mill site Zone 1 aquifer on June 10, 2015. The meeting with NMED went well. Region 9 will finalize the community involvement plan with input from Region 6. (Meyer, x6742)

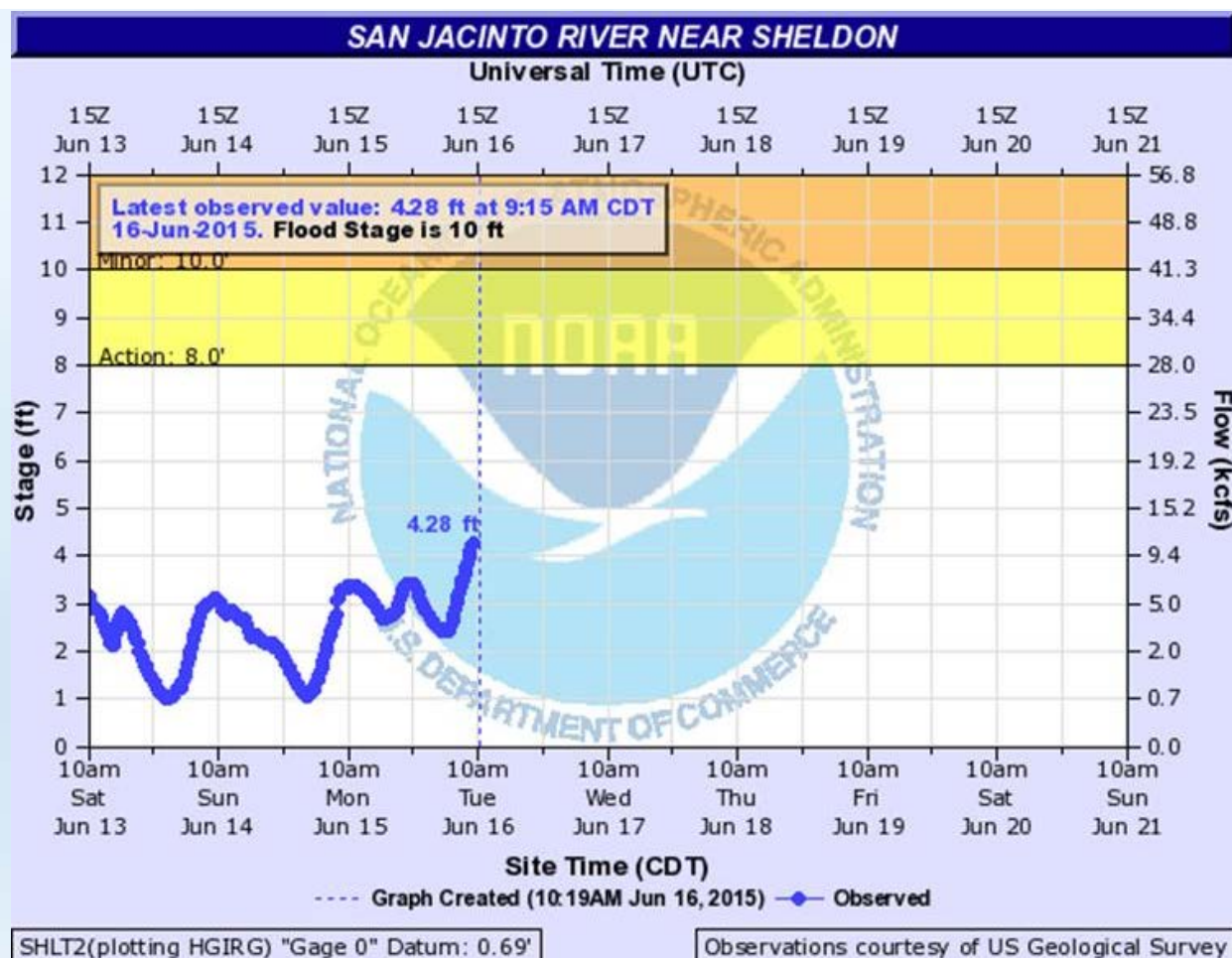
GRANTS MINERAL BELT REMOVALS, CIBOLA/McKINLEY COUNTY, NM - CROSSROADS RADIOLOGICAL SITE, NEAR SAN MATEO, NM: Transportation and disposal of the soil to a licensed facility began on the June 8. There have been 20 truckloads of soil removed from the staging area. This activity is expected to be completed by June 30. There has been no press coverage and community interest has been isolated to the residents associated with the Site. (Crossland, x2721)

OKLAHOMA REFINING COMPANY SUPERFUND SITE: On June 18, 2015, the EPA and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality will meet with the Mayor of Cyril, Oklahoma, Brad Alexander, to discuss ongoing remedial activities at the site. Subsequent meetings with Mr. Alexander will be conducted approximately every 3 months to discuss progress with the Remedial Design activities concerning Operable Unit 2 (North Side soil and sediment remedy) and the Remedial Investigation activities associated with Operable Unit 3 (Groundwater/Surface Water Interaction). (Meyer, x6742)

LONGHORN ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT SUPERFUND SITE: On June 18, 2015, from 6-8 pm, a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting was held at the Karnack Community Center. These meetings are held every three months to update RAB members and the public on cleanup activities at the site. Updates for this meeting will include a recap from the previous RAB meeting, current Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study progress, and the Administrator Decision on the Longhorn dispute. Personnel from the Army, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Fish & Wildlife Service, EPA, and Caddo Lake Institute (EPA's Technical Assistance Grant recipient for the community) were present. (Meyer, x6742)

SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS SUPERFUND SITE, CHANNELVIEW, TX: On Thursday, June 11, 2015, minor rock displacement was noted during a site visit that revealed geotextile material near the southern berm of the cap. Geotextile was used as an underlayment for the armor rock used in the cap. As a follow up, EPA and the contractor for the Potentially Responsible Parties conducted a full assessment on Monday, June 15, 2015. No damage or displacement of the cap was observed. The areas of exposed geotextile were located in a rock stockpile area on the southern berm where an additional layer of geotextile was laid over the armor cap to stockpile and separate new rock material brought in to do the cap upgrades completed last year.

As of June 16, 2015, Tropical Storm Bill is about 105 miles southwest of Galveston and expected to make landfall around Matagorda Bay. Heavy rains are expected in the Greater Houston Area, including the San Jacinto site. Staff will monitor the water levels in the San Jacinto River and conduct another site inspection following the storm if the minor flood level (10 feet) is exceeded at the San Jacinto River Sheldon gauge location, located about five miles upstream from the site. Recent rains resulted in a water elevation at the Sheldon gauge of about 11 feet. (Meyer, x6742)



NEW GRANTEE WORKSHOP PREPARATION: EPA will be hosting a grantee workshop June 23-24 at the COOP. Plans and logistics are being finalized this week. Information will be provided, including lessons learned this year, to make it easier for grantee applicants for the next iteration of the process. (Talton, x7205)

NATIONAL AC GRANT COMPETITION INDIVIDUAL DEBRIEF REMINDER: Applicants have been reminded that individual debriefings are available for proposals that were not selected for an Assessment and Clean-up Grant in 2015. Most applicants have already requested a debrief, hoping to strengthen their 2016 proposals. (Talton, x7205)

GULFCO MARINE - PRPs SUBMIT GOOD FAITH OFFER: On June 10, 2015, EPA Region 6 received the Good Faith Offer (GFO) from Gulfco Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). On June 16, 2015, the Region 6 and DOJ conducted a conference call with the PRPs to discuss the GFO and officially begin negotiations for a Consent Decree. The Superfund Division had issued a Special Notice Letters (SNL) in February 2015 to 17 PRPs at the Gulfco Marine Maintenance Superfund Site. The SNL requested the PRPs to submit a GFO and enter into negotiations for a Consent Decree to pay past costs and perform work at the Site. (Banipal, x7324)

NORTHWEST ODESSA GW SITE – EXPANDED SITE INVESTIGATIONS: During the week of June 15, 2015, Region 6 Superfund conducted Expanded Site Investigation sampling at the Northwest Odessa Groundwater #1 site in Odessa, TX along with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The site has a contaminated plume with an unidentified source. Elevated levels of organic compounds, including 1,1-dichloroethene and tetrachloroethene have been detected. There is a potential for this site to go on National Priority List. (Banipal, x7324)

CHEVRON QUESTA MINE, NM: From June 16-17, 2015, EPA Region 6, the U.S. Department of Justice, New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), and the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) met with Chevron Mining, Inc. (CMI) to discuss partial Consent Decree (CD) and Early Design Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). The Agencies presented a 2-Foot Tailing Facility Cover Pilot Demonstration to CMI that would be performed under a CD. The third amendment to the Early Design AOC for

additional studies CMI wishes to pursue was also discussed. On June 18, EPA and DOJ have planned a site tour to provide DOJ better understanding of the Site and the remedy. (Meyer, x6742 and Banipal, x7324)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) WORKSHOP, EL DORADO, AR: Staff conducted a Region 6 LEPC workshop the week of June 15 in El Dorado, AR. Approximately 30 personnel attended the workshop. The workshop focused on requirements of EPCRA for industry & LEPC's, emergency preparedness, dissemination of EPCRA information, as well as preparedness for Bakken oil. DHS and OSHA participate in the workshops this year, as part of the Chemical Safety Executive Order. (Crossland, x2721)

ARKANSAS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP, LITTLE ROCK, AR: On June 17 – 19, EPA staff participated in the Arkansas Environmental Justice Workshop, sponsored by EPA Region 6. An OSC provided a background on LEPCs (how they came about, statutory authority, and how EPCRA is implemented within Region 6). Another OSC participated in a panel on the Mayflower Oil Spill Response. (Crossland, x2721)

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS, DALLAS, TX: In preparation for the upcoming July 14, 15, 16 Incident Management Team (IMT) training and exercise, a current list of IMT **Project Announcement Visibility Effort** (PAVE) members who are available for at least one day of three exercises was compiled. The exercises would be for the IMT PAVE members to refresh and/or learn their positions and functions. Plans are to continue to work with Environmental Response Team (ERT) contractors to develop the exercise scenario and playbook. (Crossland, x2721)

TROPICAL STORM BILL, DALLAS, TX: On June 16, the Regional Emergency Operations Center was staffed to maintain situational awareness of the developing flooding throughout central Texas. (Crossland, x2721)

CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: On-Scene Coordinator will begin project closeout and continue transition activities as necessary with TCEQ and the PRP Group. (Crossland, x2721)

FALCON REFINERY: Owner repairing Tank 12 in order to begin processing Tank 26 Liquids and Sludge. Tank 12 repair expected by middle of July 2015. Owner continues to pursue obtaining loan to complete tank repairs and in conjunction necessary removal actions. (Crossland, x2721)

SBA SHIPYARDS, JENNINGS, LA: Analytical results of liquid and solid samples collected May 28 and May 29 indicated that the material was oil based and meets the criteria for an OPA removal. On Monday, June 8, crews mobilized back on site to resume work on Tuesday June 9. The removal addresses oily liquids and solids within a partially buried barge formally used as an alkyne storage pump unit. There was oil sludge material observed within the containment areas of the barge. Additional waste characterization samples of oily sludges were collected on June 11 from all of the containment areas within the buried barge. It is anticipated that the sludge material sampled will not meet the criteria for an OPA removal. Nevertheless, a determination will be made for an OPA removal pending results, expected sometime within the next two weeks. The oily liquid and solid removal was completed on June 11. Further site containment and restoration was completed by ERRS on June 11. ERRS and START demobilized personnel and equipment from the site on June 11. As of June 11, 35 cubic yards of oily contaminated solids and 90,484 gallons of oily liquids were removed and transported off site for disposal. (Crossland, x2721)

US OIL RECOVERY – PRP / PASADENA, TX: PRP Group has been proactive and established significant freeboard in preparation for Tropical Storm Bill. At the USOR property, primary waste remains in the process equipment and sludge in the above ground storage tanks (ASTs). At the MCC property, primary waste remains in the former waste water treatment plant (WWTP) containments; but with substantial freeboard. The PRP Group will be conducting a second pump down of the retention/containment pond as soon as it can be scheduled. (Crossland, x2721)

CAMP MINDEN/EXPLO SYSTEMS, INC. - (OU3-QASP / BASELINE AIR/SOIL) / MINDEN, LA: Air monitoring results are being summarized and prepared for public release. Air sampling results have not been received yet from the contractor. (GD/ATK PRP Ops): GD/ATK completed extracted aluminum (EA) crushing on June 13, 2015. GD/ATK is preparing and staging the remainder of materials for disposal this week, so as field operations beyond June 19, 2015 will be the disposal company, Clean Harbors, coming to the Site, loading materials for disposal, and transporting off-site. All GD/ATK operations associated with the AOC will be complete on or before August 30, 2015. GD/ATK has crushed and shipped 2,072,751 lbs (92%) of EA briquettes to Dyno-Nobel for recycling. 72,258 lbs of EA fines and 62,287 lbs of EA waste have been generated from the crushing operation. GD/ATK is still working on disposal options for the H6 IDW, which will be completed as soon as possible. (Crossland, x2721)

TAR CREEK SUPERFUND SITE OU5: The EPA Region 6 will hold a meeting on June 24, 2015, in Miami Oklahoma, to meet with stakeholders interested in the progress of Tar Creek OU5. The stakeholder group will include state, tribe, and natural trustee representatives. EPA will provide an update on upcoming remediation investigation and human health risk assessment activities while EPA Region 7 will provide an update on the Spring River Watershed model and remediation planning of the Tar Creek Headwaters. In addition, EPA will discuss plans for hosting a model workshop that will focus on expanding the modeling efforts completed in Region 7 into the Neosho River Watershed.

OU4 On June 25, 2015, EPA staff, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, and the Quapaw Tribe Environmental Office will meet in Miami, OK, to discuss the status of the remedial actions planned for FY2015 and FY2016 under cooperative agreements with the EPA. **(Meyer, x6742)**

ECTOR DRUM- PRPs SEARCH: During the week of June 23, 2015, Superfund Enforcement personnel will visit Odessa, Texas to perform PRP search activities to identify any PRPs with the Ector Drum site. The Site is an abandoned drum recycling facility located in Ector County, Odessa, Texas. Environmental issues associated with the facility include abandoned drums and surface/subsurface soil contamination. **(Banipal, x7324)**

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